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FOLLOWING REPEAT BELGRADE 5081 ACTION SECSTATE INFO BONN LONDON
MOSCOW NATO PARIS ROME WELLINGTON JULY 27.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BELGRADE 5081

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FROM USDEL CSCE

E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJECT: CSCE BELGRADE: JULY 27

1. PLENARY MEETINGS ADJOURNED TODAY TO MAKE POSSIBLE MEETINGS
OF PRE-ARRANGED INFORMAL CONTACT GROUP OF EAST, WEST
AND NEUTRAL-NON-ALIGNED (NNA). CONTACT GROUP WAS CHAIRED BY
SPANISH DELEGATION HEAD AND INCLUDED USSR, GDR, ROMANIA,
MALTA, CANADA, NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, AUSTRIA, SWEDEN,
SWITZERLAND, YUGOSLAVIA, FRG, AND US DELS.

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2. CONTACT GROUP HELD FRANK AND INTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS IN
MORNING AND AFTERNOON, GOING THROUGH EACH OF REMAINING POINTS
AT ISSUE, AS SET OUT IN NNA NON-PAPER (BELGRADE 5033). MANY
NEW DRAFTING FORMULATIONS WERE ADVANCED, BUT ONLY CLEAR
PROGRESS MADE WAS THAT IT WAS AGREED THAT PHRASE NNA
SUGGESTED ADDING TO POINT FORU WAS INFORMALLY AGREED AS

A CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT IN FOLLOWING FORM:

"IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT USBTANTIVE PROPOSALS REFERRED TO UNDER ITEM 4 OF THE AGENDA SHOULD BE SUBMITTED EITHER IN THE PLENARY OR IN THE SUBSIDIARY WORKING BODIES NOT LATER THAN DURING THE FIFTH WEEK AFTER THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING"

3. OTHER POINTS OF INTEREST WHICH EMERGED WERE:

(A) ROMANIANS TOLD US PRIVATELY THAT THEY WOULD DROP THEIR INSISTENCE ON A REFERENCE TO "DATE AND PLACE THE NEXT SIMILAR MEETING" IN AGENDA ITEM SIX, PROVIDED SUCH A REFERENCE IS INCLUDED IN ORGANIZATIONAL POINT 13.

(B) SOVIETS PROPOSED FOLLOWING PHRASEOLOGY FOR LAST SENTENCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL POINT 13, CONTINGENT ON ACCEPTANCE BY OTHER DELEGATIONS OF A FIRM CUT-OFF DATE FOR THE WORK OF THE SUBSIDIARY WORKING BODIES:"THE MEETING WILL END BY ADOPTING A CONCLUDING DOCUMENT AND BY FIXING THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SIMILAR MEETING".

(C) IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR INSTRUCTIONS, WE SUGGESTED THAT LAST SENTENCE OF ORGANIZATIONAL POINT 13 INDICATE THAT ADOPTION OF FINAL DOCUMENT WILL BE "BY CONSENSUS". SOVIETS IMMEDIATELY AND ADAMANTLY OPPOSED THIS SUGGESTION, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT WE WILL PURSUE IT CAREFULLY DURING THE DRAFTING PROCESS.

4. CONTACT GROUP AGREED TO MEET EVENING OF JULY 27, FOLLOWING PREVIOUSLY PLANNED SOVIET RECEPTION. WE WILL INCLUDE RESULTS OF EVENING MEETING IN OUR DAILY REPORT FOR JULY 28.
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